

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1200
Jacob Rule House
21105 South Ruhl Road
Ruhl, Baltimore County
Ca. 1800
Private

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The Jacob Rule House fronts west on South Ruhl Road in the town of Ruhl. Located on a large, rural tract, the house is set into the side of a hill. Rising two-and-a-half stories in height, the Federal-style house is set on a random rubble stone foundation. The random rubble stone house is four-bays wide and two-bays deep. An interior end brick chimney with a rebuilt cap rises above the side gable roof of asphalt shingles. Fluted pilasters, a scalloped lintel, and a half-hipped portico with metal posts frame the single-leaf, six-panel door. There are three 6/6 windows at the first story and four at the second story, all of which have square-edge wood surrounds, sills, and lug lintels. Large stone quoins mark the corners of the house. The rear of the house presents four stories in height. The two lower stories were reclad with brick veneer in 1962, when interior changes were made to the dwelling.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1200

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Jacob Rule House (preferred)

other Birger Johansson House

2. Location

street and number 21105 South Ruhl Street not for publication

city, town Ruhl vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David and Christine Johansson

street and number 4 West Main Street telephone Not Available

city, town Westminster state MD zip code 21157-4816

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 12039 folio 237

city, town Towson tax map 6 tax parcel 17 tax ID number 0610045140

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1800 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1800 ca., 1962

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 78.9 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Approximately 400 Acres

Quadrangle name New Freedom

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Jacob Rule House is located at 21105 South Ruhl Road in the town of Ruhl in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 6, Parcel 17 since its construction circa 1800.

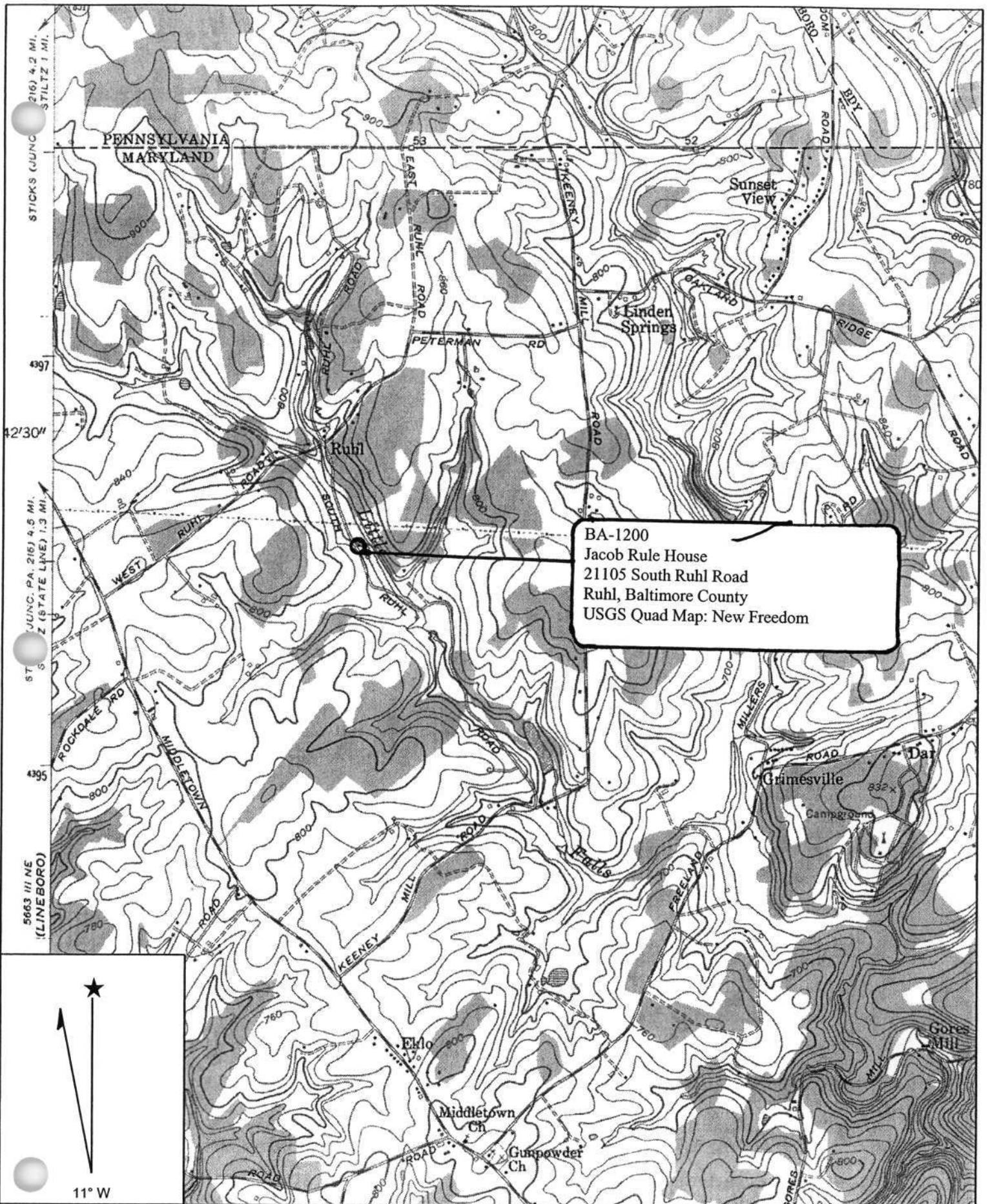
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	R. Weidlich, A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 15, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600





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FREELAND
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD
TRAILERES

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SW CORNER

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

MAGI #0312005404

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME			
COMMON: <i>B. F. Johansen^S FARM^D house</i>			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>East side of Ruhl Road South about 0.3 mi</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>near Ruhl south of East or West Ruhl Road at Ruhl</i>			
STATE: <i>Maryland</i>		COUNTY: <i>Baltimore</i>	
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: <i>Bing E. Johansen^S</i>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>South Ruhl Road</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Free lane P.O.</i>		STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION <i>TAX MAP 6 PARCEL 17</i>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <i>BALTIMORE COUNTY COURTS BUILDING</i>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>BOSLEY AVE.</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>TOWSON</i>		STATE: <i>MARYLAND</i> <i>21204</i>	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): <i>4041/526</i>			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: <i>BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY</i>			
DATE OF SURVEY: <i>ORIGINAL SINCE 1964</i>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <i>BA-1200 ENTERED 2/2/78</i>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>21 STATE CIRCLE</i>			
CITY OR TOWN: <i>ANNAPOLIS</i>		STATE: <i>MARYLAND</i> <i>21401</i>	

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field check for Loc. + addenda: A. Harten 3/1/78

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This fieldstone house is ^{rectangular} ~~oblong~~, two stories high on a bank basement, 4 bays by 2 facing west. A two-story porch shelters the first floor and the basement open to the east, while a portico faces west over the ^{front} door of that side. Windows have 6 lights over 6. There is a brick chimney inside the north end wall rising from fireplaces on three floors. The slate roof, with eaves about 9" wide, has a ridgepole running north-south.

As of 2/26/78; the stonework was in excellent condition; wood porches, trim freshly painted white; shutters freshly painted (black); grounds were well tended. A handsome, inviting house & lands.

The house stands very close to the road & overlooks a deep wide valley & northernmost reach of the Little Gunpowder Falls. The Johansson property is about equally divided on both sides of the road & is apparently farmed.

A. Martin 3/1/78

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century ?

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry <i>(Saw mill 1877)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Johnstons are cleaning off stucco, repointing stonework and generally restoring this house, adding utilities necessary for modern comfort, doing much of the work themselves.

They do not know of any history of the house.

The 1877 Hopkins map shows 2 structures at this place (ED6): an apparent residence of P.A. & S. Small close to the road, & a sawmill by the stream (no longer standing)

A. Martin

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"			
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"			
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 78.90 A

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

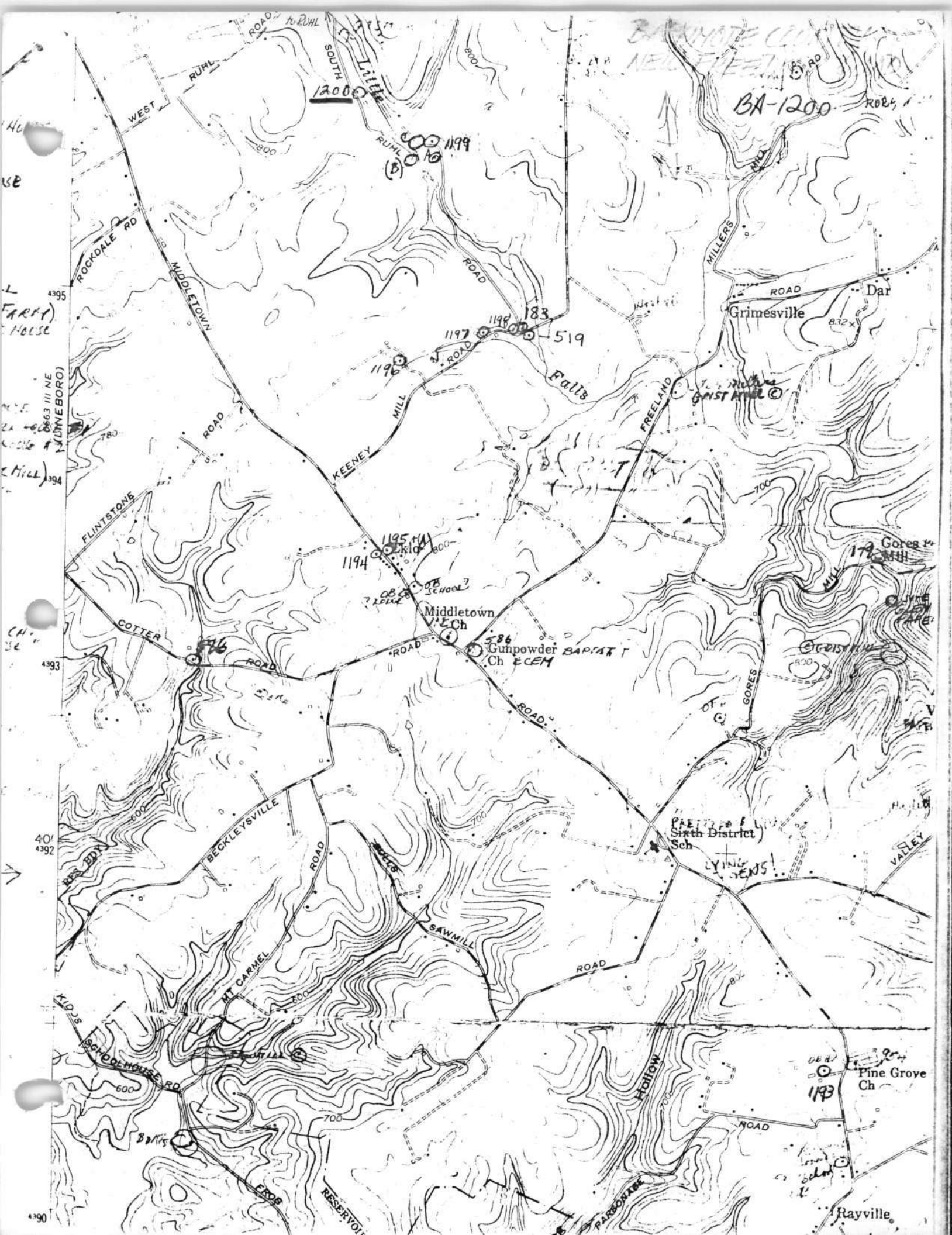
NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING	
ORGANIZATION MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE 1/73
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 RIVA ROAD	
CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS	STATE: MARYLAND

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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(house faces west
(ext. view of NW corner road)
VI-NEW-1200 B.F. JOHANSEN HOUSE
SOUTH RUHL ROAD
RUHL VICINITY
(BALTIMORE COUNTY)
PHOTO: JEAN S. EWING 1/73 (Frame 1)